



AIS SCHOOL VISION

For our students to become confident, capable and socially aware global citizens who contribute meaningfully to the communities in which they choose to live and work.

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Jakarta Bytes, 13th March 2026

Week 7 Principal's Highlights

Busy weeks are great weeks in schools, and this has been a very busy week! Starting with our Mini-University Fair was great to see so many visitors and also our students asking some questions and importantly getting some insights. We had our Board and Staff Buka Puasa on Wednesday night and tonight (Friday) is our joint PnF and SRC Buka Puasa, so great to have so much support in our community. We had a successful Open House on Wednesday, special thanks to our parents, Lisa Dickinson and Fiantika Ambadar, and students Fatimah Achmad and Yunso Namkoong for representing our learning community. Thanks also to parents Lina Crawford and Heather Stagg for their commitment and contributions at our First CAC meeting of the year. Many things discussed and we hope parents can see a few improvements as the year progresses.



Lastly, I would like to congratulate **Salma Akbar and Rares Cojocar** who are our **2026 High School Captains**. I look forward to working with these two great young leaders throughout the year.



2027 Student Term Dates are listed below. The full calendar with public holidays will be shared next term once the dates have been confirmed.

Term One 25 January 2027 - 02 April 2027	Term Three 13 July 2027 - 17 September 2027
Term Two 15 April 2027 - 18 June 2027	Term Four 04 October 2027 - 09 December 2027

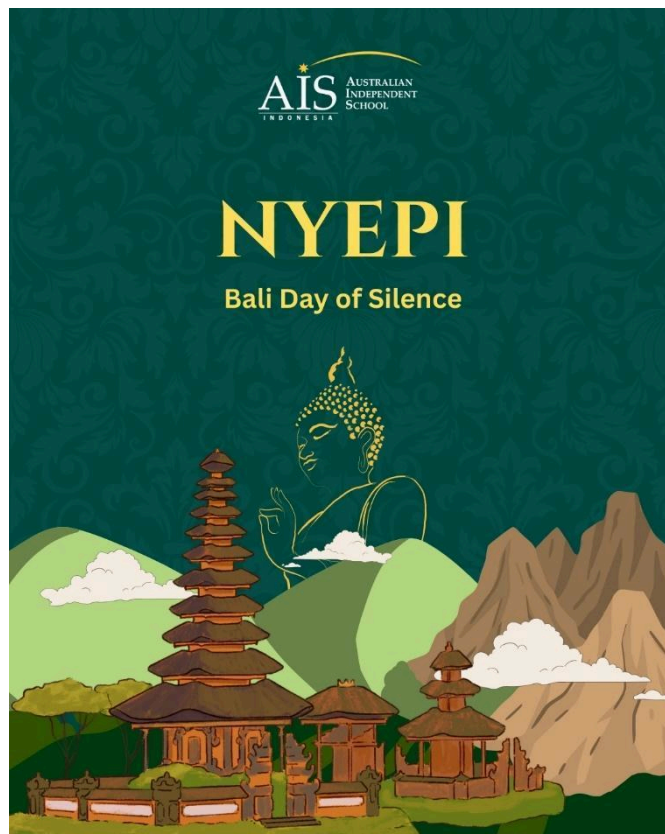
Happy Lebaran from our AIS Jakarta PnF and Parents



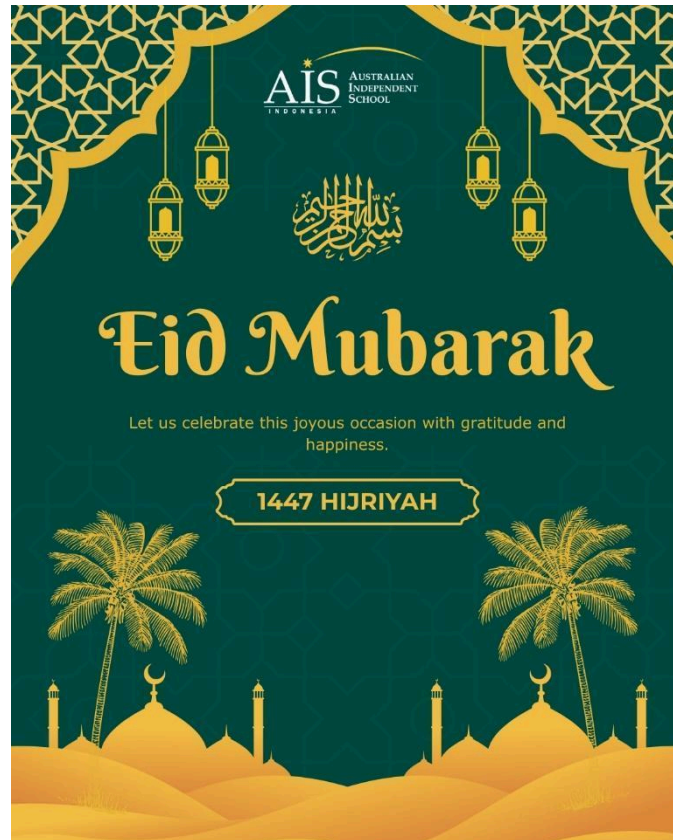
Free Dress Day @ AIS Jakarta



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Eid Mubarak



Jungle Toppings – Special Offer



Mr Dean Cummins
Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

This week has been full of exciting learning and community experiences across Primary. Our youngest learners practised fine motor skills by scooping and pouring rice into ketupat leaves, which not only developed their focus and hand-eye coordination but also connected to last week's exploration of the five senses as they touched, smelled, and tasted the ketupat. This activity tied beautifully into Bahasa Indonesia with Bapak Yohan, where students were introduced to the month of Ramadan and began building cultural awareness of one of Indonesia's most significant seasons.



In Year 1, students showed great enthusiasm for borrowing books, delighting us with their explanations of what they chose and why, including titles in their home languages. Their curiosity extended into mathematics, where they explored measurement using informal units, learned about the 'ng' digraph, and in Health lessons, they confidently shared their understanding of personal space and boundaries during their Friday assembly. Music added another joyful dimension to their week, with bucket drumming providing a chance to tackle challenging rhythms while having fun — for example, mastering the fast triplet notes in the song *Golden*.



Across the school, students have been preparing to showcase their learning at the upcoming 3-Way Conferences on 30 March. This will be a valuable opportunity for meaningful conversations between students, parents, and teachers. Meanwhile, our Open House welcomed many prospective families. Year 6 Ambassadors and Hospitality Ministry students impressed visitors with their tours, supported by Ms Sinead and myself, while Mrs Lisa and Yunso highlighted why AIS is such a special place. The Primary Choir added to the occasion with a confident and moving performance of an Irish song.



Year 6 students tackled the Lilja's Locked Level investigation, identifying number patterns from a set of 20 numbers and explaining the rules connecting them. They then created their own pattern puzzles

and challenged classmates to solve them, encouraging thoughtful discussion, problem-solving, and mathematical reasoning.

Celebrations also played a big role this week. Our Lebaran gathering, *Buka Bersama*, brought staff together in a spirit of joy and blessing, while Free Dress Day was a lively success, helping support our annual Lebaran Hampers.

Learning highlights continued across year groups: Year 3 students practised instruction writing by preparing scrambled eggs, toast, and tea in the staffroom.



Year 4 explored sustainability by making bioplastic in Science, while also enjoying word games, group reading of *The Thing About Oliver*, and figurative language activities. Year 5 EAL students strengthened their sentence structure skills, and the wider Year 5 cohort presented their Wellbeing and Research projects.



In Art, Early Years expressed feelings through colours, while Foundation students investigated air as a basic need by experimenting with straw rockets and balloons. Our Learning Support students worked on distinguishing food from non-food items, reinforcing practical life skills.



PE has been equally dynamic, with students refining locomotor and throwing skills, and developing agility through jumping, dodging, and blocking.



Our football team has begun joining games against other schools, thanks to Mr Jonny's leadership. In addition, our Year 3 and 4 students participated in their first soccer match of the season on Wednesday, March 11th against the ACG team. They gave their all, tried their best, and most importantly, they had fun. This match was a wonderful starting point, and we look forward to seeing this great group of students continue to grow and develop together.

It has truly been a week of growth, celebration, and community. We wish you all a wonderful weekend with your families and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 16th March.

Finally, we extend warm wishes for Eid Mubarak, may this sacred time bring peace and joy to our school community and beyond.

Best wishes,
Mr Hakan Demiralay
Head of Primary School

Year 6 EAL

This term, Year 6 EAL students explored the novel *Wonder* and learned how to write a narrative with suspense. The learning began with watching a short scene from the film *Wonder* so students could see how the story from the book comes alive on screen. The video helped students understand the characters and the feeling of the story.

After watching, the class discussed the characters, especially August Pullman. Students talked about his experiences, his challenges at school, and the moments in the story that create tension or strong emotions. These discussions helped students see how a story can slowly build curiosity and feeling.

Next, students planned their own ideas using a story mountain. This planning helped them shape their narrative with a clear beginning, a problem in the middle, and an ending. Students focused on creating suspense by adding small details, describing feelings, and slowly revealing what might happen next.

Before each lesson began, the class also spent ten minutes reviewing previous learning. Short grammar practice, quick reading activities, and simple quizzes helped students refresh their memory and prepare their minds for writing.

Finally, students wrote a short narrative paragraph with suspense inspired by the world of *Wonder*. Through careful planning and simple descriptive language, students practised building tension in their stories and guiding the reader gently toward the ending.





Ms Ratih
Year 6 EAL Teacher

Fairy Tales, Phonics and Fun in Year 1 EAL



In Year 1 EAL, we have been exploring traditional stories and fairy tales such as *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *The Three Little Pigs*, and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Through these engaging stories, we have been learning about characters and plot while bringing the tales to life through fun role-play activities. We also practised short repeated sentences to help build our confidence in speaking English.



Alongside our story exploration, we have been developing our reading and writing skills. We worked on recognising sound patterns, unjumbling sentences, and creating posters of digraphs to strengthen our phonics knowledge. We also practised sequencing events and sharing the stories with the class. It has been wonderful to see our confidence grow as we practise retelling stories together.



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Merit Certificate

Class		Teacher
Preschool 3/4L	Taeri	Ms Linda
Preschool 3/4T	Emilia	Ms Tia
Foundation E	Riley	Ms Elizabeth
Foundation E	Ivy	Mr Yohan
Foundation J	Martina	Ms Jordan
Foundation J	Aoi	Ms Jordan
Foundation J	Vickey	Ms Nada
Year 1E	Zach	Ms Ellis
Year 1E	Yeeun	Ms Dessy K.
Year 1J	Kayla	Ms Joan
Year 1J	Meliala	Mr Yohan
Year 2G	Yuha	Mr Giles
Year 2G	Lumongga	Ms Nada
Year 2K	Doyoon	Ms Karlina
Year 2K	Finlay	Ms Kourtney
Year 2K	Jasmine	Ms Laura
Year 2K	Jasmine	Ms Indah Nawang
Year 2K	Doyoon	Ms Tetty
Year 2K	Gahyeon	Ms Tetty
Year 3A	Callum	Ms Aditi
Year 3K	Scarlet	Mr Kessell
Year 4D	Hayden	Mr David
Year 4D	William	Mr Jonny
Year 4D	Dahyun	Ms Deasy D.
Year 4D	Onseo	Ms Deasy D.
Year 4M/S	Aisar	Ms Mo
Year 4M/S	Sihle	Ms Sara
Year 5D	Woojin	Mr Dan
Year 5S	Seyeon	Ms Susan
Year 6C	Patrick	Mr Cosi
Year 6E	Jotaro	Ms Emily

This week has been very busy with events almost every day. From House meetings to determine our student House leaders, to a free dress day to raise funds for Lebaran hampers for our support staff, the High School has been active and engaged with our community and learning all week.

On Monday, Year 12 had their final Collaborative Science Project session, working together in teams to research and find a possible scientific solution to a real world issue. You are welcome to come along to our assembly on Thursday 26th March at 0910 to find out about their progress.

Also on Monday was our first Mini-University fair, students in Years 9 - 12 had an hour to talk with representatives from universities all around the world. Many thanks to Mr Jeremias for organising both this and our webinar with the University of Calgary on Thursday.



On Thursday Mr Tal took Year 10, 11 and 12 art students to the Macan Museum to see the exhibition of Olafur Eliasson's work (<https://www.museummacan.org/exhibition/your-curious-journey>).

Our week will end with the SRC and PnF Buka Puasa Bersama. Many thanks to all those who will be attending and supporting the event. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Next week we will be in school as normal on Monday 16th March. We will then be on holiday until Tuesday 24th March, when we will be expecting everyone back.

In our last week of term we will have Three Way Conferences on Monday 30th March. Please sign up to see teachers in person or online through the school bookings platform: <https://www.schoolbookings.net/code>

The access code is **wd7fj**. Bookings will close on Friday 27th March.

Dr Beth Ashfield
Head of High School

International Day of Mathematics

Last Thursday and Friday, our school celebrated International Day of Mathematics (#IDM314) with exciting activities for students of all grade levels.

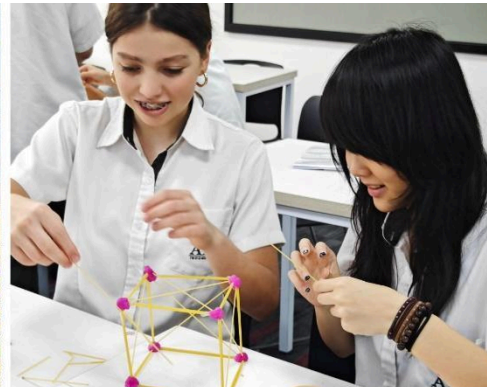
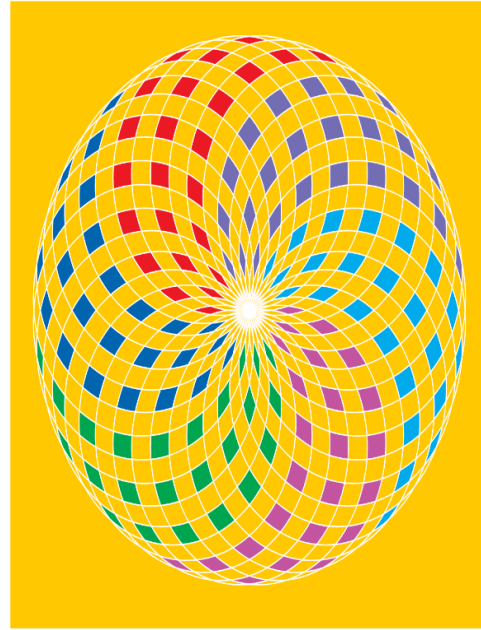
The International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is a global celebration held on March 14 that encourages students and communities to explore and appreciate the beauty of mathematics through engaging activities in schools, museums, libraries, and other learning environments.

March 14 was chosen because it is also known as Pi Day (3/14), which represents the mathematical constant $\pi \approx 3.14$.

Aligned with this year's theme, "Mathematics and Hope," students took part in a variety of hands-on and collaborative activities such as Chaotic Dancing, Tangram Challenge, Artistic Polyhedra, Mathematics Scavenger Hunt, and The Evolution of Trust, which introduced mathematical concepts through movement, puzzles, creativity, exploration, and strategic thinking.

Through these activities, students discovered how mathematics inspires creativity, problem-solving, and optimism for the future, by emphasising the connection between ideas, people, and possibilities.

MATHEMATICS AND HOPE



Head of Mathematics

Life Skills in Action: A Café Excursion at Nitro Coffee



The real world has a funny habit of testing skills far better than any worksheet ever could. A busy café, with its noise, unfamiliar people, and tempting displays, is practically a masterclass in regulation and social navigation.

Early this week, our Independent Living Skills (ILS) class had a community excursion at Nitro Coffee. The visit allowed students to practice functional life skills in an authentic community setting. Upon arrival, students greeted the café staff politely and demonstrated appropriate social language such as "hello," "please," and "thank you."

Students practiced ordering their food and drinks independently and waiting patiently in line at the counter. They also had the opportunity to handle payment using Indonesian rupiah notes and e-wallet transactions, giving them valuable real-world experience with money and digital payments.

Communication during the activity was particularly meaningful. Students expressed their choices and needs using a variety of communication methods, including spoken language, gestures, approximations of words, and AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication). This allowed each student to participate in a way that best supported their individual communication strengths.

Once their orders arrived, the students settled at their tables and demonstrated appropriate café behaviour by eating calmly, maintaining a reasonable noise level, and respecting the shared environment.

Parents' participation was also an important part of the program. Before the excursion, parents were asked to discuss the menu options with their child at home and help them decide what food or drink they would like to order. This preparation helped students feel more confident when placing their orders.

Although this was the group's first time dining together in a café, the students exceeded expectations. They tried their very best to regulate themselves, remain emotionally ready for the environment, and follow the expected behaviours throughout the visit. It was a wonderful opportunity to see their growing independence, communication skills, and self-regulation come to life in a real-world setting.

Ms Diana Valete

HS Occupational Therapist

AIS Hosts Successful Mini University Fair


Last Monday, AIS Jakarta hosted the BMI/Times Higher Education Mini University Fair, bringing a group of international university representatives to campus to speak with our high school students.


During the one-hour session, students had the opportunity to learn about undergraduate programs, admission pathways, and student life in different countries. The university representatives shared that they were particularly impressed with the level of engagement shown by AIS students, noting the thoughtful questions and genuine curiosity displayed during their conversations.

Events like these provide valuable exposure to global higher education opportunities and help students develop confidence in speaking with university representatives as they begin exploring their future pathways.



Monash University Info Day

 Sunday, 15 March 2026

 13:00 PM – 17:00 WIB

 The Westin Jakarta

Registration: <https://bit.ly/monash-jkt-mar26>



Mr Jeremias Sampang, Jr.
University and Careers Counsellor

2026 Term Dates

Term	Student Start Date	Student Finish Date
1	Tuesday 27 January	Thursday 02 April
2	Tuesday 14 April	Friday 19 June
3	Tuesday 14 July	Friday 18 September
4	Tuesday 06 October	Thursday 10 December

2026 Term 1 Events

Week 8	
Monday 16 March	<i>Please note, this is a normal school day!</i>
Tuesday 17 – (Thursday 19 Nyepi) Friday 20 March	Eid Al Fitr Holiday
Week 9	
Monday 23 March	Eid Al Fitr Holiday
Thursday 26 March	9.10am – High School Assembly
Friday 27 March	8.10am - Primary School Assembly
Week 10	
Monday 30 March	Three Way Conferences (Early Years to Year 12)
Thursday 02 April	Harmony Day & Autism Awareness Day Dress in Orange & Blue to celebrate our diversity! 8.10am - End of Term Whole School Assembly 9.00-10.00am – New to AIS Jakarta in 2026 Parent Morning Coffee Check In. All new parents are welcome.
Friday 03 April	Good Friday Holiday

2026 Term 2 Events – Coming Up

Week 1	
Monday 13 April	Teacher Work Day (student free day)
Tuesday 14 April	First Day Term 2 for students
Wednesday 15 April	Junior Football Game AIS vs ACG @ TBC
Friday 17 April	8.10am Primary School Assembly (MPC) 9.10am PnF Welcome Back to Term 2 Parent Morning Tea (Canteen)
Week 2	
Monday 20 April	JAAC Junior Football Tournament @ GJS
Thursday 23 April	9.10am High School Assembly (MPC)
Friday 24 April	8.15am Whole School Special ANZAC Day Assembly (MPC) Primary School Kartini Day 9.30am PnF General Meeting JAAC Senior Badminton Tournament @ AIS
Saturday 25 April	JAAC Junior Football Tournament @ STL
Week 3	
Monday 27 April	JAAC Junior Football Tournament @ AIS
Thursday 30 April	5.30pm Primary School Idol Event
Friday 01 May	Labour Day Holiday
Week 4	
Thursday 07 May	9.10am High School Assembly (MPC)
Friday 08 May	8.10am Primary School Assembly (MPC) Pajaten High School's Got Talent Show (MPC)
Week 5	
Thursday 14 May	Ascension of Jesus Christ Holiday
Friday 15 May	8.10am Primary School Assembly (MPC)
Week 6	
Monday 18 May	Year 7 – 11 Assessment Week
Tuesday 19 May	Year 7 – 11 Assessment Week
Wednesday 20 May	Year 7 – 11 Assessment Week
Thursday 21 May	Year 7 – 11 Assessment Week 9.10am High School Assembly (MPC)
Friday 22 May	Year 7 – 11 Assessment Week 8.10am Primary School Assembly (MPC)
Saturday 23 May	JASIS Swimming Meet (AIS)
Week 7	
Wednesday 27 May	Eid Al Adha Holiday
Friday 29 May	8.10am Primary School Assembly (MPC)
Saturday 30 May	Versak Day Holiday
Week 8	

Monday 01 June	Pancasila Day Holiday
Tuesday 02 June	Primary School Swimming Carnival – All Day (TBC) 8.30-10.30am CAC Meeting # 2 2026
Wednesday 03 June	Open House Day
Thursday 04 June	9.10am High School Assembly (MPC)
Friday 05 June	AIS Jakarta – International Day Celebrations 8.10am Primary School Assembly (MPC)
Week 9	
Monday 08 June	Primary School Camps Programme
Tuesday 09 June	Primary School Camps Programme
Wednesday 10 June	Primary School Camps Programme
Thursday 11 June	High School Swimming Carnival – All Day (TBC)
Friday 12 June	8.10am Primary School Assembly (MPC)
Saturday 13 June	Year 5/6 Drama Show Rehearsals
Week 10	
Tuesday 16 June	Islamic New Year Holiday
Wednesday 17 June	Year 5/6 Drama Show
Thursday 18 June	9.10am High School Assembly (MPC)
Friday 19 June	Last Day of Semester 12.00pm Whole School Assembly (MPC) 12.30pm Dismissal of Students

2026 AIS Jakarta Calendar

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